

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the 3rd paragraph, lines 13-23, page 49, with the following:

In this respect, absorbance at the peak  $A_1$ (~~1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>~~ 1560 cm<sup>-1</sup>) was found on the basis of a height of an absorption maximum in a range of 1600 to 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>, where the base line was a straight line joining two points: one point representing absorbance at 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; and the other point representing absorbance at 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Absorbance at the peak  $A_2$ (1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>) was found on the basis of a height of an absorption maximum in a range of 1800 to 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>, where the base line was a straight line joining two points: one point representing absorbance at 1800 cm<sup>-1</sup>; and the other point representing absorbance at 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Original) A film comprising at least a multivalent metal salt of a polycarboxylate-based polymer (A),  
wherein the density is not lower than 1.80 g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  
wherein the surface ratio  $\alpha$  [the peak surface  $S_1$ (3700 to 2500 cm<sup>-1</sup>)/the peak surface  $S_2$ (1800 to 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>)] of an infrared absorption spectrum is not larger than 2.5,  
and  
wherein the peak ratio  $\beta$  [the peak  $A_1$ (1560 cm<sup>-1</sup>)/the peak  $A_2$ (1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>)] of the infrared absorption spectrum is not smaller than 1.2.